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SUBJ: POSSIBILITIES FOR INDO-US JOINT VENTURES IN MINING AND
METALLURGY

1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO JAMSHEDPUR-RANCHI INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, CONGEN ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER LEARNED OF VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR TECHNICAL COLLABORATION ARRANGEMENTS. SINCE THEY ARE ALL IN THE FIELD OF MINING AND METALLURGY, WE ARE REPORTING THEM IN ONE CABLE FOR ACTION BY COMMERCE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

2. IN JAMSHEDPUR, TATA ROBINS FRASER (TRF) HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OBTAINING LICENSING OF U.S. TECHNOLOGY FOR MANUFACTURE OF SHEARER/LOADERS USED IN COAL MINING. TRF IS ONE OF THE LEADING INDIAN MANUFACTURERS OF CONVEYOR AND MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT. A MINORITY EQUITY INTEREST IN TRF IS HELD BY HEWITT-ROBINS INC. OF THE USA.

3. METALLURGICAL AND ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS LTD. (MECON) A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING, DESIRES U.S. DESIGN AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW FOR MANUFACTURE OF COKE OVENS OF 6.3 METER IN HEIGHT AND ABOVE, AND HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM TWO AMERICAN FIRMS, WILLPUTE CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY AND SID RICHARDSON OF TEXAS. THEY WERE NEGOTIATING WITH WILLPUTE, BUT THINK AMERICAN COMPANY MAY HAVE LOST INTEREST. REQUEST COMMERCE FIND OUT IF THE FIRMS REFERRED TO OR ANY OTHER U.S. FIRMS ARE
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INTERESTED IN COLLABORATION ARRANGEMENT WITH MECON ON LARGE COKE

OVENS. MECON IS ALSO INTERESTED IN LOCATING U.S. PARTNERS IN THIRD COUNTRY MARKETS. MECON ALREADY HAS A TECHNICAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH WEAN-UNITED OF THE U.S. FOR THE DESIGN OF ROLLING MILLS AND IS NEGOTIATING WITH SEVERAL OTHER U.S. FIRMS FOR SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS IN OTHER FIELDS.

4. REQUEST FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE HAS ALSO BEEN RECEIVED FROM H.B. GHOSH, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL MINES PLANNING AND DESIGN INSTITUTE (CMPDI) IN RANCHI, A PUBLIC SECTOR UNIT AND SUBSIDIARY OF COAL INDIA LIMITED. GHOSH HAD EXPECTED THAT THE VISIT TO INDIA IN DECEMBER 1974 BY MEMBERS OF THE U.S. TRADE MISSION ON MINING AND EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT WOULD FACILITATE U.S. TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF MINING IN INDIA. HE RECALLED THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE TRADE MISSION, REPRESENTATIVES OF GENERAL MOTORS AND EUCLID, VISITED CMPDI AND ASSURED CMPDI OFFICIALS THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPLY OF ENGINES, SPARES AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW IN ORDER TO RE-CONDITION A NUMBER OF OLD, IDLE PIECES OF U.S. EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT. GHOSH REGRETTED THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM THEM SINCE. REQUEST COMMERCE CONTACT GENERAL MOTORS AND EUCLID AND SEE IF THEY CAN TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS MATTER.

5. GHOSH SAID THAT THERE WERE NOT TOO MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SALES OF U.S. MINING EQUIPMENT TO INDIA BECAUSE THE INDIANS, LIKE THE AMERICANS WERE CONVERTING TO LONG-WALL MINING WHERE EUROPEANS HAD MOST EXPERIENCE AND THE BEST EQUIPMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, SINCE BOTH INDIAN AND AMERICAN MINES WERE UNDERGOING SIMILAR CONVERSION FROM TRADITIONAL TO LONG-WALL TECHNIQUES, THE TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT FIND PROFIT IN SHARING EXPERIENCES. HE ALSO THOUGHT A VISIT TO INDIA BY A MINING ENGINEER, POSSIBLY FROM THE U.S. BUREAU OF MINES, MIGHT BE USEFUL. SUCH AN EXPERT COULD STUDY CONDITIONS IN INDIAN COAL MINES AND THEN BE ABLE TO ADVISE U.S. INDUSTRY WHAT EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COAL MINING IN INDIA. REQUEST AGENCIES CONCERNED CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SENDING SUCH EXPERT TO INDIA.

6. GHOSH MENTIONED OPPORTUNITIES FOR LICENSING ARRANGEMENT OF U.S. TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW FOR INDIAN MANUFACTURE OF SKIP WINDERS AND SHEARER LOADERS. HE ALSO THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE POSSIBILITIES FOR LICENSING U.S. TECHNOLOGY FOR PIPE-LINE TRANSPORT OF

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COAL AND HYDRAULIC MINING OF COAL. REQUEST THESE OPPORTUNITIES BE PUBLICIZED IN COMMERCE TODAY OR DIRECTLY TO THOSE FIRMS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERESTED. ALTHOUGH CMPDI WOULD NOT BE EVENTUAL COLLABORATOR, INITIAL CONTACT MIGHT USEFULLY BE MADE WITH THAT ORGANIZATION.

7. U.S. FIRMS INTERESTED IN OPPORTUNITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY BE ADVISED TO CONTACT THIS POST OR THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSEES:

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